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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR FEBRUARY 6,
1976:

Q. WHAT IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO STORIES IN A
NUMBER OF ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS TODAY THAT SECRETARY OF STATE
KISSINGER INFORMED YITZHAK RABIN, PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL,
DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN
PLANS TO PROVIDE SIX C-130'S TO EGYPT?

A. I BELIEVE THAT QUESTION WAS RAISED EARLIER IN MY
ABSENCE ON THE C-130'S, WANTED IT?

Q. THERE'S A NEW DEVELOPMENT NOW. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
STORIES THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE INFORMED THE PRIME
MINISTER OF ISRAEL.

A. I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT REPORT. IT IS THE FIRST I HAVE
HEARD ABOUT. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE DECISION WAS AS
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DESCRIBED BY JOHN--THAT NO PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION HAD
BEEN MADE.

WHETHER THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE TALKS OR NOT, I DO
NOT KNOW. I WILL CHECK INTO IT. SISCO

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